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ALMA

Ordination Retreat. May 26 p. m.—June 4 a. m.

The San Jose papers carried prominent stories about the Alma College airplane observation post, Information and photographs were requested by the NEA News Service.

The airplane observation post is manned by 58 volunteers. There are one-man daytime shifts averaging two hours each. The night shift with two observers, starts at 10 p. m. Mass is said for the observers by a fourth-year Father at 2:30 a. m. At 4 a. m. the first of the daytime observers comes on duty. Daytime observers repeat about every two weeks; night observers, about once a month. The presence of any and all planes, with appropriate information concerning location, type and direction, is reported immediately. To date 70 planes have been reported. The lines are promptly cleared from the Los Gatos telephone exchange to a center in San Francisco, where a staff of operators under the direction of the Army's Fourth Interceptor Command, incorporates the information received onto a large "filter" board.

Mr. Robinson who has completed a course in Civilian Defense information, is giving the course to Messrs. Brady, O'Toole, and Sneeringer, fire defense and first-aid officials. Mr. Herbert Weeden, head of the mountain district zone with six precincts, is a co-teacher. A number of local residents are taking the course.

Colored troops are stationed at Phelan Park.

Captain Lindquist of the U. S. A. Signal Corps, visited Alma for the establishment of an experimental station.

Alma College has sold large amounts of scrap iron and waste paper.

Fr. Eugene Bacigalupi gave a lecture with records, on German and Italian opera. He was enthusiastically received.

Fr. Donnelly left for San Diego to give the clergy retreat.

Fr. Casey attended the Chicago convention of the N. E. C. A.

Frs. Hagemann, L. Sullivan, and White attended Prof. Bolton's Los Gatos lecture for the D. A. R. The Mayor remarked that the Fathers lent tone to the gathering.

Mr. Shannon was called north by the serious illness of his aunt, who had raised him from infancy.

For Easter 40 calls were accepted, 10 others had to be refused.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Frs. Rector and Connolly attended the Catholic Educational Convention in Chicago.

Mar. 26. The Loyola Chapter of the Alpha Sigma Nu received nine qualifying undergraduates into its membership. The banquet was held at the Jonathan Club.

Ten students were sworn into the Marine Corps Reserve. On completion of their regular college course, they leave for a 6-month training at Quantico, Virginia.

Mar. 30. Loyola High seniors visited the university. They were served luncheon by the Loyola Mothers' Guild, and were given general information talks by Fr. Rector, Fr. Connolly, and the various Deans.

On Good Friday, the Radio Department, in conjunction with the Male Chorus, presented Dubois' Seven Last Words over Station KMPC.

Thomas Fleming, a sophomore, was received into the church by Fr. Von der Ahe.

Owen Rafferty, senior arts student, attended the National Convention of Alpha Sigma Nu at the University of Detroit.

Dr. Howard F. Wilkins, '36, has been awarded a fellowship with the National Research Council. He will go to New York for specialized research in physiology.

Lieut. Wm. McGarry, former student of the University and now a member

of the American Volunteer Squadron in Burma, was reported shot down in enemy territory on March 24. His parents have been informed that he has safely regained the allied lines.

LOYOLA HIGH

A student from Loyola, Ed Cragin, has been selected to start "Boys' Week" by two broadcasts.

Fr. R. S. Burns represented Loyola at a public meeting to discuss the part of the schools in National Defense.

The Catholic Theater Guild put on ten shows for the soldiers. The Master of Ceremonies for every show was Ed Dolan of Loyola High, and the feature attraction was J. Elizalde of Loyola.

Apr. 23. Third Annual review of the ROTC in honor of the Archbishop. He addressed the students in a most enthusiastic manner.

Frs. Whelan and Ransford attended the Catholic Educational Convention in Chicago.

Richard Launder '38, has been decorated in Australia with the Silver Star for gallantry in action. He is a Lieutenant in the Air Corps.

Vocation Week discussed the priesthood and the war needs in business and professional life, and stressed going to college to rebuild a Christian civilization after the war.

Loyola's tenth annual Apologetical Oratorical Contest for the Catholic high schools of Southern California, was won by Cathedral in the Boys Division, and by St. Mary's in the Girls Division. With 22 schools competing, Loyola finished second.

Mr. Walsh, moderator of tfhe Annual, "El Camino," states that the book is being printed and will be distributed early in May.

The annual May Talks at the Shrine by the Sodalists, will start with a procession of tfhe student body and an act of Consecration.

Loyola High will again be host to all the Sodalities of Southern California on Sodality Sunday. The school stadium will be decorated and illuminated for the occasion.

During Easter Week, the chaplain baptized four students, converts from Judaism, Methodism, Christian Science, and Lutheranism.

LOS GATOS

Mar. 20. Fr. Rector gave a Laymen's retreat at El Retiro.

Mar. 20. Br. McDermott was assigned to Alma; Br. Hogan came from Alma to Los Gatos.

Br. Moreno was by doctor's orders confined to bed for several weeks for a much needed rest.

Easter Supply. Fr. Brolan at Manhattan; Fr. Collins, Soledad; Fr. Cahill, St. Thomas, San Francisco. Fr. Finnegan gave the Tre Ore at Sacred Heart, San Francisco.

Apr. 4. Br. Bernard Schenk, a coadjutor novice, received his cassock.

During the novena to St. Joseph, a special intention was for coadjutor vocations. For the first time in many years, there are no coadjutor postulants.

Apr. 6. Around 2 a. m., the large white house near the flume and below the novices' recreation tree, caught fire —cause unknown. In a few hours it had burned to the grounds. Frs. Rector and Minister arrived to offer assistance, but the fire was beyond control.

Four groups of first-aiders have been appointed among the Juniors and Novices; and also two fire-fighting crews.

Apr. 9. The Brothers were the guests of Santa Clara for the afternoon and evening.

Apr. 11. Fr. Hubbard gave a lecture with movies of Alaska.

The first novice to enter the Poor Clares, since their location at Soquel, was Mary Trame, sister of one of the Juniors.

Two bicycles have been donated to facilitate errands to town "for the duration."

SAN FRANCISCO

Correction. A decrease of 11.2 was reported for the second semester in the university. The figure should be reduced to 1.2.

Fr. Preston has invented a grade-point-averager. The chart with a moving arm divides any number rfom 1 to 450, by any number from 1 to 150, (this being the ordinary range of Units and Grade Points in the Colleges).

With the cooperation of U.S.F. and U.S.Clara, the seniors of St. Ignatius High had eight vocational investigation talks on Saturday mornings, with an average of 25 Seniors attending. The Seniors had an opportunity to see each vocation in action. The series ended with a closed retreat at El Retiro, for 64 Seniors.

The high school play, "None But the Brave," to be presented in May, was

written by two students, and contains original music by two other students. With the school orchestra, choral group and speaking parts, there are 35 in the cast.

Competing in the California statewide contest of Catholic High Schools at St. Mary's, St. Ignatius by a very comfortable margin won first place in the sweepstakes. At the U.S.F. contest, St. Ignatius tied for second in the sweepstakes. Over 200 participated; five Los Angeles schools were represented. At both contests our students won first place in oratory.

The second place speaker in the sophomore oratorical contest was invited to give his speech on "General MacArthur" at the annual California convention of the Spanish War Veterans.

St. Ignatius basketball team finished second in the city league. The school is favored to take the city championship in tennis, crew, and swimming; and to reach the championship play-offs in baseball. The freshman basketball team, coached by Mr. Monaghan, won 30 out of its 31 games.

A High School Senior Night was held in the U.S.F. auditorium, for the Seniors and their dads. Over 100 dads attended.

Frs. Rector and James King attended the Catholic Educational Convention in Chicago, where the latter read a paper.

Mr. Mulcahy's article, "Sixty Billion Dollars," which recently appeared in "America," was reprinted in the "Catholic Readers Digest."

Due to war orders, our Jap cooks had to be dismissed. In token of appreciation a watch was given to Sumida, who has been cook in our houses for so many years. In the high school watches were given by their classmates to three Jap boys, before leaving school.

A thief did much damage to the metal candelabra stands n the church while taking out the money. After he had rifled other churches in the city, he was apprehended by the police.

The U.S.F. students made a drive to buy a "Jeep" with defense stamps and bonds. Instead of one, twenty were bought. In the presence of army and civic officials and a representative of the Treasury Department, the twenty "Jeeps" were presented on Army Day, when one was christened with a bottle of champagne. Student ROTC officers from city high schools were guests for the day, with a demonstration of military facilities, with movies of maneuvers and lunch on the campus.

The two University Sodalities have joined with other university organizations in fostering a Mother's Day Communion Breakfast at the Western Woman's Club. Besides John Barrett, the principal speaker, there will be four student orators. Admiral Greenslade with other representatives of the armed forces have been invited.

Preparaions are under way for a Service Flag representing alumni or former students in the armed forces. To date there are 400 names, with two gold stars, one for a college student and one for a high school student, both killed in air crashes.

A day of prayer was held for a high school senior critically ill. The seniors went to Mass and Communion in a body in the chapel, and members of the class spent half hours before the Blessed Sacrament during the day. The boy is on the way to recovery.

BELLARMINE PREP

Apr. 17. Fr. Stretch reported at Camp Callan near San Diego.

Fr. R. V. Burns said Mass on Easter Sunday, his first since September, when he suffered a heart attack. He has improved and has been saying Mass daily since Easter.

Fr. Healy is in St. Mary's Hospital.

Apr. 13-17. In Vocation Week various guests addressed the seniors on such vocational subjects as Business, Engineering and Medicine. Fr. Brolan spoke on vocations to the priesthood.

All buildings on the campus have been provided with equipment to take care of incendiary bombs.

The Dads' Club held a special dinner with entertainment and community singing in the boys' dining room.

For the second year, the Junior and Senior Debating teams attended the U.S.F. debating tournament.

Fr. Robidoux has greatly improved the beauty of gardens and lawns.

Mr. Solon's Camera Club has been at work during the year on a project book which has just been completed. It presents a pictorial record of the scholastic and athletic activities of the past year.

SANTA CLARA

Frs. Walsh, Duce and Gianera attended the Chicago meeting of the National Catholic Education Association, and of the Jesuit Educational Association.

Fr. Wilfred Crowley and his group arrived safely at their destination.

Mar. 31. Colonel Ernest T. Barco, founder, organizer, and for six years head of the Santa Clara field artillery ROTC unit, was awarded an honorary LL.D. The next day he left for Camp Rucker, Alabama, to be divisional artillery officer. He has been succeeded at Santa Clara by Captain J. S. Robison.

Due to increased enrollment in the military courses, the ROTC unit has been reorganized into a regiment of two battalions, each battalion containing three batteries.

Mar. 25. In a solemn ceremony in the Mission Church, 54 underclassmen were admitted to the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin.

The St. Clare Boys Club, organized and directed by the apostolic committee of the University Sodality, with a membership of 75 boys, holds regular weekly meetings in the Seifert lounge room. The business meetings and half-hour of religious instruction, are followed by basketball and other sports in the gym.

The rose gardens of Fr. Shoener, the "Padre of the Roses," have been moved from the front garden into an arbor between the infirmary and the observatory.

Mar. 25. Charles J. Dirksen, professor of economics and accounting, who since the departure of the former Dean, Edward J. Kelly, had been acting Dean of the Business School, was appointed Dean.

With the beginning of the fall semester, an accelerated program of studies will be introduced. Its marked effect will be felt by June, 1943.

Apr. 22. The annual pilgrimage of the Jesuit and lay faculty and of the whole student body was made to the shrine of St. Joseph in honor of the special patron of the university, and in commemoration of Founders Day.

Apr. 13. "Unlimited Horizons," a regular NBC special feature, presented a program dramatizing the science of seismology. The supposed locale was the Ricard Memorial Observatory on the Santa Clara campus. The late Fr. Ricard, "The Padre of the Rains," and Fr. John Weber, present director of the observatory, were impersonated in the broadcast.

Fr. Hubbard reports a most successful lecture throughout the country. Exclusive of his radio listeners, since the beginning of the year he has lectured to audiences totaling 600,000. At present he is lecturing along the Pacific Coast, and will soon go east by way of the Southwest and the South. He will confer with War Department heads in Washington, D. C. By the end of May he plans to leave for Alaska.

Dean Owens of the Law School has been appointed Judge of Alien Cases, in a district comprising the whole of the Pacific Coast Defense Area.

Fr. Strehl accompanied the Santa Clara baseball team on its trip to Los Angeles for games with U.S.C. and U.C.L.A.

Mr. Charles Cahill is at Santa Clara preparing for his philosophy examinations.

VARIA

The last issue gave 500 as attending the El Retiro Communion Mass in the San Francisco Cathedral. The figure should have been 1000. It was the best attendance since 1918.

There will be no common retreat for the Teachers. Fr. Whelan will give one in Los Angeles for the Teachers in the south.

Fr. William Deeney has been very ill at O'Connor Sanitarium.

Apr. 18. Fr. Grisez quietly celebrated his Golden Jubilee in the Society.

CHAPLAINS

Fr. Wilfred Crowely arrived safely overseas.

Fr. Talbott of Oregon is with Fr. Stretch at Camp Callan.

Fr. McGuigan of Oregon is at Fort Ord.

Fr. Greif of Oregon left tertianship for camp in Wyoming.

Fr. Jerome Sullivan on Easter Sunday said the first Mass ever offered on Treasure Island.

Fr. Copeland gave the Tre Ore at Victorville and then flew for evening services to Camp Maar, 40 miles from Barstow.

Fr. Clark is at Camp Lewis.

Fr. O'Mara uses a cartridge box at Camp Barkeley, Texas, for his desk.

DEATHS

Apr. 5, Fr. Alphonse Couffrant, Spokane.

Apr. 27, Fr. Patrick Deignan, Sta. Clara.

Father of Mr. Mulcahy.

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Br. Timothy Brennan, coadjutor.